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For: SHEET-GUIDING DEVICE FOR A
PRINTING MACHINE

FURTHER PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraphs beginning at page 2, line 2 with the following:

The invention relates to a sheet-guiding device for a printing machine and more particularly, to a sheet-guiding device adopted for assisting sheet control in the area of a printing or varnishing nip.

A conventional sheet-guiding device is disclosed, for example, by EP 0 306 682 A2. The device essentially comprises two blow strips to which blown air is applied and which are arranged upstream and downstream of the press nip formed between a blanket cylinder and a printing cylinder, over the cylinder width and parallel to the axis. The blow strip which is upstream in the conveying direction is arranged in a space above the incoming sheet between the blanket cylinder and printing cylinder. The blown-air stream is directed onto the blanket cylinder, into the